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SUJECT: NIGERIAN ELECTRIC POWER CHIEF COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR ENERGY

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1. IN RECENT MEETING, EMBOFFS INFORMED Y.A. DIKKO, GENL MGR NIGERIAN ELECTRIC POWER AULHORITY (NEPA), THAL UUG READY TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT GIVEN NIGERIAN INTEREST IN PURCHASING NUCLEAR PLANT AND FUEL FROM US SOURCES. DIKKO,IWHO ADMITS TO HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY APPROACHED ON NUCLEAR SALES BY GE AND WESTINGHOUSE REPRESENTATIVES, FOUND INFORMALION "HELPFUL CLARIFICATION" OF US POLICY. HE FURTHER SAID WEST GERMANS HAD APPROACHED FMG IN SIMILAR FASHION SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, AND STATE HE AWARE THAL ANY PURCHASES FROM GERMANS WOULD PROBABLY ENTAIL AGREEMENT WITH USG BECAUSE OF AMERICAN FUEL SOURCE.

2. DIKKO IS OPPOSED TO PHILOSOPHY OF NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY ON GROUNDS TREATY PREVENTS A NATION FROM IMPROVING ITS TECHNOLOGY, A CASE OF A HAVE-NATION DENYING A HAVE-NOT-NALION OF ITS RIGHTS
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TO PROGRESS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE PERSONALLY OPPOSES ANY MOVE BY NIGERIA TO DEVELOP A NUCLEAR ENERGY CAPABILITY. HE VIEWS THIS APPROACH UNSOUND BECAUSE OF RICH NIGERIAN RESOURCES IN FOSSIL FUELS AND WATERPOWER. MOREOVER, ERECTION OF FACILITIES WGUWJ BE EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE AND INSUFFICIENCY OF SKILLED MANPOWER ALREADY MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO RUN EXISTING POWER FACILITIES WITHOUT BECOMING IMMERSED IN COMPLEXITIES OF ATOMIC POWER.

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3. EMPHASIZING THAT NUCLEAR DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE ON HIGHER LEVEL (I.E., SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL), DIKKO UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER NUCLEAR PROGRAM WOULD GO FORWARD. ALSO DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF WHETHER NIGERIA DESIRED ONLY PLANT AND FUEL OR ALSO REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY.IPREFERRED NOT TO COMMENT ON STATUS OF TALKS WITH GERMANS.

4. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT PRESTIGE AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION ASPECTS HAVE NOT YET MESHED IN THE FMG'S CONSIDERATION OF A NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM. GIVEN THE CONSTRAINTS THAT DIKKO CITES, ACY RAPID PROGRESS IN MOVING THE NUCLEAR PROGRAM FORWARD IS QUASTIONABLE AND FMG INTEREST IN NEGOTIATING A STRICT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH THE US SEEMS IMPROBABLE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
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